

Mr. Speaker, for his unwavering dedication, steady leadership, and the countless hours he has invested in improving the lives of others, I am proud to recognize Mark Kenyon as a 2026 Heroes Among Us recipient for Florida's 12th Congressional District. His service reflects the very best of our community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his extraordinary contributions.

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF
"THE PATCH"

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate the long-awaited reopening of Augusta, Georgia's premier Municipal Golf Course—otherwise known as "the Patch," which was recently renovated with the help of golf legends Tom Fazio, Beau Welling, and Tiger Woods—three world-class golf course architects.

"The Patch" has been ingrained into the fabric of our local community since 1928. In the early 1900s, the popularity of the game of golf was quickly on the rise in Augusta, and it was the establishment of "the Patch" that made the game accessible for locals and visitors of all ages and backgrounds—fostering growth of the game for future generations. In 1999, ground was broken on the construction of a new First Tee of Augusta facility which still operates at "the Patch" today.

This longstanding mission is one that our community continues to embrace—growing the game of golf and the values it instills in all who play. Together, "the Patch," Masters Tournament Charities, Augusta Technical College, the First Tee of Augusta, and the City of Augusta have all collaborated to create some of the best public golf facilities in the country—contributing to Augusta's known reputation as the crown jewel of this sport.

Beyond the game of golf, "the Patch" will serve as a catalyst for community renewal through job training at Augusta Tech's agronomy center. It will help rescue underserved youth through the First Tee of Augusta, and as it did in its early days, it will continue to offer a community clubhouse and gathering place for neighbors to enjoy.

My wife Robin and I are proud supporters of this transformational initiative and look forward to its positive impact on our community, the game of golf, and the next generation. We congratulate Chairman Fred Ridley, Members and Staff of Augusta National Golf Club, Mayor Garnett Johnson, the Augusta Commission, and Randy Hatcher, outgoing Chairman of the Augusta Technical College Foundation, for their tireless work to make this project a reality.

HONORING ALEXANDRA FIGUEROA
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker. I rise to honor Alexandra Figueroa as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for Women's History Month. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Alexandra Figueroa has devoted her life to the belief that every child deserves a champion in the classroom. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with a concentration in Special Education.

With a passion for teaching and a heart committed to service, she began her career in Orlando, Florida, where she has faithfully served students and families for more than 20 years. Throughout her tenure with Orange County Public Schools, including 15 years working with students from low-income communities, Ms. Figueroa has been guided by a clear and powerful mission: to ensure that every child—regardless of background—feels seen, supported, and capable of greatness. She currently serves as a primary teacher and instructional leader at Village Park Elementary, specializing in early childhood education and Exceptional Student Education (ESE). Her classroom is recognized for blending rigorous academic instruction with social-emotional learning and differentiated strategies that empower students to thrive. By meeting children where they are while steadfastly believing in their potential, she has helped countless young learners build confidence and achieve meaningful growth. In recognition of her profound impact, Ms. Figueroa was named the 2026 District Teacher of the Year.

Beyond her classroom, she mentors fellow educators and supports community initiatives that strengthen partnerships between schools and families. Across more than two decades of service, Alexandra Figueroa exemplifies the spirit of Women's History Month—demonstrating how educators transform lives and shape the future through compassion, excellence, and unwavering belief in their students.

RECOGNIZING MS. BECKY
BENNETT

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary leader and dedicated servant in my district, Ms. Becky Bennett, whose compassion and commitment have strengthened the Community Service Council of West Pasco County and the countless families it serves. Becky is truly the heart of this organization, and her years of faithful service reflect the very best of our community. For more than a decade, Becky has devoted

her career to the nonprofit sector, serving with Pasco Kids First, Premier Community Health Care, and now The Lighthouse for the Visually Impaired and Blind. Her professional experience, combined with her tireless volunteerism, has uniquely equipped her to meet the needs of vulnerable individuals and families with both expertise and empathy. Within the Community Service Council, Becky has been a driving force behind nearly every major initiative. She has served faithfully as Chairperson of the Outreach Committee for several years, as Vice President in 2022, and as President in 2023. Her leadership is marked by humility, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to lifting up those who need it most. It is no surprise that she was recognized as Humanitarian of the Year in 2010 and Volunteer of the Year in 2021—honors that reflect the lasting difference she continues to make. One of Becky's most significant contributions is her leadership of the Council's annual Thanksgiving meal delivery project. Under her guidance, this initiative has grown tremendously, delivering more than 1,300 meals to families in need this past Thanksgiving alone. Becky's exceptional organizational skills, calm presence, and ability to rally volunteers ensure that every meal is prepared and delivered with care, reaching homes where it truly matters.

Beyond her hands-on service, Becky plays a critical role in securing the resources necessary to sustain the Council's mission. Her dedication to fundraising ensures that programs remain strong and responsive to the community's needs year after year. She approaches this responsibility with the same passion and heart that define all her work. Perhaps most importantly, Becky's impact is felt in the way she treats people. She listens with compassion, encourages with sincerity, and leads by example—never asking others to do what she is not willing to do herself. Volunteers and community members alike describe her as a steady, inspiring presence who brings out the very best in those around her.

Mr. Speaker, for her years of devoted service, her transformative leadership, and her unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others, I am proud to recognize Becky Bennett as a 2026 Heroes Among Us recipient for Florida's 12th Congressional District. She embodies what it means to serve with heart, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her outstanding contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I had a familial obligation to tend to. Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 105; NAY on Roll Call No. 106; NAY on Roll Call No. 107; and NAY on Roll Call No. 108.

HONORING MARITZA FROST AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Maritza Frost as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for Women's History Month. At the age of 12, Maritza Frost said goodbye to her paternal grandparents, Jose and Sarah, never to see them again. Cuba was not a place that would welcome her back.

With a happy heart, she came to "The Land of the Free" in the company of her father, Jose, mother, Zenaida, and sister, Sandra. Her new journey began.

She started school shortly after her arrival, soon realizing the challenge of learning a new language and a new culture was monumental but not impossible. She took the challenge because she knew, deep in her heart, that with God's help, all things were possible.

Several years later, she married into the American culture, His name: Patrick. Later in life, she had two wonderful children, Maxwell Alejandro and Maria Elizabeth.

Upon marrying, Ohio became her new home. There, she found the opportunity to complete her education and became a special education teacher. She worked diligently for 37 years, of which 32 were dedicated to the Osceola County School System.

Retirement brought more opportunities. She found herself connecting with different local organizations, developing a deep and profound connection with Moms Demand Action, where she currently serves as a Survivor Lead in Orange County.

As she navigated through different channels, she joined LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), the Women's Voter Club of S. Orange, and the Lake Nona Democrats, as well as the Orange County Democrats, where she serves as Delegate. Through her state representatives, she is frequently involved in canvassing, phone banking, and other local events.

Never losing sight of her roots, she became extremely passionate about immigration issues and became active with Immigrants Are Welcome Here and the Faith Leadership Coalition.

Marches, protests, commissioners, school board and immigration building morning meetings, and more fill her days.

Never a dull moment. Christ said, "Love thy neighbor," and that is all she wants to do.

RECOGNIZING MS. LISA CAMPOS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional leader, devoted volunteer, and joyful servant of our community, Ms. Lisa Campos. Lisa is one of the most dependable and inspiring forces within the Community Service Council of West Pasco. Over the years, she has faithfully served in multiple leadership roles, including Vice President and

now President. In every capacity, she has led with humility, enthusiasm, and a steadfast commitment to strengthening our community. Her leadership style is rooted in collaboration and kindness—she brings people together, motivates volunteers, and ensures that each project is carried out with care, purpose, and heart. One of the clearest examples of Lisa's character is found in the Council's largest annual fundraising event, a high-energy cooking competition inspired by the show "Chopped." While the event draws excitement and applause, it also leaves behind a mountain of dishes and cleanup. Year after year, Lisa quietly steps away from the spotlight to take on one of the most grueling and unglamorous tasks—washing the dishes. She does so without hesitation, without complaint, and always with a smile. Her willingness to embrace the dirtiest job perfectly reflects her servant's heart. She leads not by title, but by example. Lisa's commitment to service extends far beyond the Council. She is a published children's book author whose work is available in both English and Spanish, demonstrating her creativity and her desire to reach and uplift children and families across cultures. She and her husband have also opened their home for many years to foreign exchange students, providing young people from around the world with a safe, welcoming, and nurturing environment in which to learn and grow. In addition, Lisa volunteers her time by bringing her pet dog to senior citizen events, offering companionship, comfort, and joy to seniors who may otherwise feel isolated. These simple but meaningful visits brighten lives, spark connection, and remind our older neighbors that they are seen and valued. What truly sets Lisa apart is her spirit. She is cheerful, positive, and always ready to step in wherever help is needed—whether organizing an event, encouraging a fellow volunteer, or filling a last-minute gap. Her presence uplifts every room she enters, and her reliability makes her someone the community can always count on.

Mr. Speaker, for her leadership, her generosity, and her unwavering commitment to serving others, I am proud to recognize Lisa Campos as a 2026 Hero Among Us for Florida's 12th Congressional District. Her contributions have strengthened the Community Service Council of West Pasco and enriched the lives of countless individuals throughout our district. She exemplifies what it means to serve with humility, compassion, and joy.

RECOGNIZING LESLEY ROBINSON AS A "MONTANA INNOVATOR" FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

HON. TROY DOWNING

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, in honor of America's 250th birthday, Montana's Congressional Delegation is recognizing exceptional individuals who embody the spirit of our great state and Nation.

This March, I am proud to highlight Montana's rich agricultural history and celebrate an individual who works tirelessly to give a voice to Montana's ranching families: Lesley Robinson.

Lesley is the Montana Stockgrowers Association's first woman president, elected in

2024 after having served in leadership since 2000. As the owner and operator of cow-calf operation Lazy JD Cattle Co, she not only advocates for Montana's stockgrowers, she is one herself.

I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Lesley and MSGA to better understand the needs of the Montanans who bring the quality beef we know and love to market. I can say without a doubt that ranching in the Treasure State has no finer advocate.

It is no secret that ranching is a part of the very fabric of the Montana way of life. With Lesley Robinson in the fight, it will remain that way for generations to come.

It is my honor to recognize her this March alongside eleven other individuals who represent everything that it means to be a Montanan.

HONORING BECKY RANKIN AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2026

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Becky Rankin as a Distinguished Leader in Central Florida for Women's History Month. Becky Rankin is a performing artist, community advocate, and mother of two. As an Orlando resident for nearly 40 years, she attended all Orange County Public Schools and received her Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Dance from Rollins College.

Upon graduating from Rollins, Becky pursued her love of the arts and began a career in the entertainment and service industries. She danced in the Orlando Opera Company's 1998 production of "Turandot" and was an early member of Voci, Orlando's premier modern dance company from 2000 to 2002.

In 2002, she moved to New York City, where she lived and worked before returning home to Orlando in late 2009. Becky found her way back to Orlando's stages in 2010, performing full-time in the tourism district until 2017. During this time, she began choreographing musicals for both high schools and middle schools in Orange County. Productions include "Anything Goes," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Beauty and the Beast, Jr.," "High School Musical, Jr.," and "Legally Blonde, Jr." She is currently working on Pershing School's production of "Between the Lines, Jr."

In addition to modeling and acting, Becky works with Orlando Elks Lodge 1079, where she manages the bar and contributes to their many fundraising and charitable works for the community. She is also a member of the Fort Gatlin Historical Group, which has worked in tandem with OCPS, county leaders, and the community to facilitate the creation of a green space at the historic site of Fort Gatlin. They aim to preserve and protect the rich history of early settlement in the area, as well as the contributions of the Navy Sound Lab. Becky also helps run her husband's business, Health Is Wealth Microfarms, which produces fresh produce for the greater Central Florida area.